

JOHN P. WEBB.

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Mr. PATTERSON, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 3445.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3445) granting an increase of pension to John P. Webb, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted and the passage of the bill is recommended.

The House report is as follows:

The soldier named in the bill, and now 66 years of age, served as a private in Company L, Seventh Missouri Cavalry, from August 8, 1861, to November 23, 1864, when honorably discharged.

Medical records of the War Department show that he was treated during the period of his service at various dates for remittent fever.

He is now pensioned under the general law at \$12 per month on account of disease of liver and resulting disease of rectum and disease of lungs, the result of measles.

His last claim for an increase of pension, filed in October, 1899, was rejected in January, 1901, upon the ground that his disabilities did not warrant a higher rating.

His last medical examination, made on May 2, 1900, recommended a rating of \$8 for disease of the liver, \$4 for disease of the rectum, \$6 for disease of lungs, and the board then stated that his liver was tender, his skin sallow, bowels constipated, rectum inflamed and ulcerated, and hemorrhoidal vessels engorged; that there was dry, harsh bronchial breathing throughout the entire left lung, with a constant, dry, hard cough, without expectoration.

The soldier served faithfully for three years, and is suffering from serious disabilities of service origin. These disabilities, in view of the findings of the board of examining surgeons, entitle him, in the opinion of your committee, to a rating of \$24 per month, and relief to that extent is proper.

The passage of the bill is recommended.